



# California eHealth Stakeholder Webinar

***February 10, 2011***

1pm – 2pm Pacific Daylight Time

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# Purpose

To dramatically improve safe and secure patient and provider access to personal and population health information and decision-making processes, benefiting the health and wellbeing, safety, efficiency, and quality of care for all Californians.

# Goals

1. To ensure patients have safe, secure access to their personal health information and the ability to share that information with others involved in their care
2. To engage in an open, inclusive, collaborative, public-private process that supports widespread EHR adoption and a robust, sustainable statewide health information exchange
3. To improve health care outcomes and reduce costs
4. To maximize California stakeholders' collective access to critical ARRA stimulus funds
5. To integrate and synchronize the planning and implementation of HIE, HIT, telehealth and provider incentive program components of the federal stimulus act
6. To ensure accountability in the expenditure of funds
7. To improve public and population health through stronger public health program integration, bio-surveillance and emergency response capabilities

# eHealth in California –

## Diverse Resources to Support EHR Adoption

- CHHS HIT Coordinator –  
HIE Cooperative Agreement
- Cal eConnect Services for HIE
- Medicare EHR Incentive Program
- Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program
- Regional Extension Centers
  - Cal HIPSO
  - COREC
  - HITEC-LA
  - CA Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)
- Public Health
- Health Workforce Initiative
- California Telehealth Network
- Beacon – San Diego



### Registration Opens for Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs on January 3, 2011

Registration for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs, administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), starts on January 3, 2011.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has resources available for you to adopt, implement, or upgrade to a certified EHR product and help you register to receive incentive payments:

- The CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website: [www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms)
- Regional Extension Centers, which offer direct support in adopting certified EHR technology. Find the REC in your area by visiting: [www.healthit.hhs.gov/rec](http://www.healthit.hhs.gov/rec)
- Begin participating in 2011 and 2012 to earn the maximum incentive—up to \$44,000 for Medicare and up to \$63,750 for Medicaid!

The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs are providing incentive payments to eligible professionals and hospitals as they demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Certified EHR technology can help improve the quality of health outcomes and the efficiency of health care, while providing privacy and security safeguards.

**Get Connected to a Certified Electronic Health Record!**



The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology



\* The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is voluntarily offered and administered by states and territories and can also begin in 2011. Actual start dates will vary by state.

# Enrollment Update

- **Registration for the Medicare EHR Incentive Programs is now open.**

We encourage providers to register with CMS for the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program(s) as soon as possible. You can register before you have a certified EHR.

- Step-by-step guides to help you register for EHR Incentive Programs.
- [http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20\\_RegistrationandAttestation.asp](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationandAttestation.asp)

# Important Dates

## Eligible Hospitals and CAHs

- September 30, 2011 – Last day of the federal fiscal year. Reporting year ends for eligible hospitals and CAHs.
- November 30, 2011 – Last day for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals to register and attest to receive an Incentive Payment for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2011.

## Eligible Providers

- December 31, 2011 – Reporting year ends for eligible professionals.
- February 29, 2012 – Last day for eligible professionals to register and attest to receive an Incentive Payment for calendar year (CY) 2011.

# CMS EHR Incentive Programs Listserv

- Will provide timely, authoritative information about the programs, including registration and attestation updates, and details about the payment process.
- Will post upcoming deadlines and give answers to questions and concerns that have gathered from eligible professionals and eligible hospitals in the field.
- New updates will be circulated to keep you informed of any developments, and subscribers will be notified of any new Frequently Asked Questions that are published on the CMS EHR Incentive Programs' web site.
- [http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/65\\_CMS\\_EHR\\_Listserv.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/65_CMS_EHR_Listserv.asp#TopOfPage)

# Federal Updates

- The Health Information Technology Policy Committee (HITPC) is a federal advisory committee that advises the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on federal HIT policy issues, including how to define the —meaningful use (MU) of electronic health records (EHRs) for the purposes of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs.
- The HITPC has developed a **preliminary** set of recommendations specifically designed to solicit additional public feedback. The goal of sending out this request for comment (RFC) early is threefold.
  1. Provide some signal to the industry of potential new EHR functionalities that the HITPC may recommend to help the industry get a head start on developing new functionalities.
  2. Extend the public discussion of future stage MU definitions through a more formal public comment process well in advance of its formal final stage 2 recommendations to be issued in the summer of 2011.
  3. Request input on specific questions.



## Proposed Stage 2 MU Framework- Comments Due

- Individuals and organizations are encouraged to submit comments directly to ONC
- Cal eConnect is supporting the California HIT Coordinator in collecting and submitting an integrated set of comments from California stakeholders  
[http://www.caleconnect.org/?page\\_id=1606](http://www.caleconnect.org/?page_id=1606)
- CHHS will submit comments that incorporate input from our California Departments and Stakeholders
- Comments due by 5pm EST on February 25, 2011 to:  
<http://www.regulations.gov>
- Link to HHS document:  
[http://healthit.hhs.gov/media/faca/MU\\_RFC%202011-01-12\\_final.pdf](http://healthit.hhs.gov/media/faca/MU_RFC%202011-01-12_final.pdf)

# California Privacy and Security Advisory Board

- Established in October of 2007
- Provides private and public collaboration to address and coordinate health information exchange (HIE) privacy and security efforts in California.
- Three committees: Privacy, Security and Legal analyze issues, develop and evaluate the effectiveness of alternative solutions, and present recommendations to the CalPSAB.
- The CalPSAB reviews and approves their recommendations, and presents approved recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency

# Demonstration Projects

- As authorized by AB 278, CalOHII is to establish and administer demonstration projects funded by federal grants and other sources. The demonstration projects are to do all of the following:
  - (1) Identify barriers to implementing health information exchanges.
  - (2) Test potential security and privacy policies for the safe and secure exchange of health information, including, but not limited to, issues related to access to, and storage of, individual health information.
  - (3) Identify and address differences between state and federal laws regarding privacy of health information.

# Demonstration Projects

- Request for Applications (RFA) posted 1/14
- Demo Project Applications
  - Extension from 2/14 to 2/28
  - RFA link: <http://www.ohi.ca.gov/calohi/Home.aspx>
- Early March: Regulations posted for 30 days
- Mid-April: Regulations finalized & filed with OAL
- 2 projects will be selected for 2011
- All applications will be kept on file at CalOHII as potential, future demo project participants
  - Application will remain on file until applicant withdraws

# Cal eConnect Update

Carladenise A. Edwards  
President & CEO

# HIE Expansion Grant Program

- Application Due – January 31, 2011
  - Seven Proposals Submitted
- Proposal Review – Monday, February 14, 2011
- Notice of Intent to Award Posted – Friday, February 25, 2011

# Direct Implementation Grants

## ■ Objectives

- The funded Direct Project implementations will demonstrate the viability of secure, standards-based direct messaging over the Internet between trusted exchange partners, while testing specific priority information exchange scenarios.
- The results of these implementations will inform both the development of Cal eConnect's Core Services and the ongoing development of standards and protocols by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC). Next Steps
- Applications Due: Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 3pm PST
- Notice of Intent to Award Posted: Monday, February 28, 2011

# Challenge Grants – Lunch & Learn

## ■ Objectives

- Bring together Challenge Grant proposal partners from all five themes for an in-person meeting
- Capitalize on the effort that went into developing these five proposals and discuss ways to move forward with them together
- Brainstorm additional funding opportunities and partnerships

## ■ Meeting

- In February, TBD
- Cal eConnect Offices, Emeryville, CA



# eHealth Stakeholder Summit Planning Workgroup

## Event Objectives:

- To raise awareness about value of HIT/HIE among stakeholders
- To update community on the activities and status of the ARRA/HITECH projects in California and nationally
- To provide an opportunity for providers and others to engage/sign up with REC, local HIE, Cal eConnect, or other programs

## Meetings:

- Need to schedule our next meeting/Volunteers welcome

## Members:

- Jon Langmead, Lura Hawkins, Lyman Dennis, Ed Babakanian, Sokkim Lim, Elisa Ashton, Eileen Moscaritolo, Reena Samantaray, Speranza Avram
- Staff Lead: Rachel Olmedo, Cal eConnect

# eHealth Evaluation Workgroup

## Objective:

- Develop and implement a coordinated statewide strategy for the tracking and evaluation of HIT and HIE adoption, use, and outcomes in California
- Decided to come up with 3 – 5 core measures that reflect the successes we have had to date and what we want to see 4 – 5 years from now

## Meetings:

- Held first meeting on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am
- Next meeting TBD
- Need input from Hospitals and other key groups to round out our approach

## Members:

- Lyman Dennis, Christine Schmoeckel, Elisa Ashton, Hilary Campbell, Eileen Moscaritolo, Van Vu, Linette Scott, Mary Franz, Larry Dickey, Mary Vazquez, Speranza Avram
- Staff Lead – Mark Elson, Cal eConnect

# Cal eConnect Public Meetings

## Board of Directors:

- February 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 1:00pm Teleconference
- March 25th Board meeting is CANCELLED

## Advisory Groups

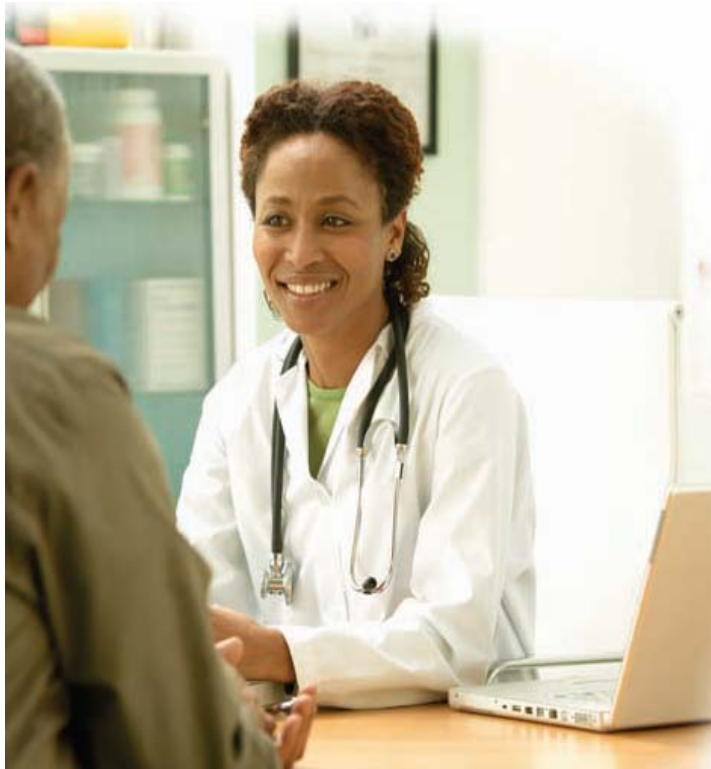
- Business Advisory Group: March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- Engagement Advisory Group: February 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00pm
- Technology Advisory Group: February 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00pm
- Policy Advisory Group: February 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting is Cancelled

Please check our website for more information or occasional deviations from this schedule

# CalHIPSO

**Dorian Seamster, MPH**  
**Director of Quality Improvement**  
**Services**

# Outreach & Enrollment Update



- Over 3,500 providers enrolled to date
- 4 hospitals enrolled in rural hospital supplemental funding program
- Outreach Partner Program is up and running
- Outreach Partner Portal contains tools/resources to ensure consistent messaging
- Featured by ONC in a “vignette” as a model outreach strategy

# Vendor Update



- CalHIPSO is partnering with HITEC LA and Cal Optima REC to contract with selected EHR Vendors
- All selected vendors are on ONC's certified Health Information Technology Product List
- Leveraging scale to negotiate preferential terms/conditions and pricing for REC members
- Scheduled to be completed in mid-February

*\* Our list of contracted vendors will be posted at [www.calhipso.org](http://www.calhipso.org)*

# CalHIPSO Update, Cont'd

- **ONC EHR Implementation Boot Camp: 2.5 days of training in LA**
  - Focus on supporting small physician practices through EHR implementation process
  - 21 attendees from all three California RECs, and CalHIPSO LECs
- **Development of Internships for students in community college certificate programs**
  - Recruiting intern hosting sites for March 2011 graduates
- **First Physician Advisory Council meeting on February 25**
  - 20 attendees expected
  - Focus on assisting with physician enrollment
- **March 30-31 Workforce meeting in Sacramento**
  - Led by Community College network
  - Will discuss alignment of training curriculum with the needs of the REC members
  - E.H.R. vendors to attend also

[www.calhipso.org](http://www.calhipso.org)

1-888-589-4897

[info@calhipso.org](mailto:info@calhipso.org)



# CalOptima Regional Extension Center (COREC)

Karynsue Frank  
Director

# CalOptima Regional Extension Center (COREC)

## RFP for Service Partners

- ☐ Issuing the week of 2/14/2011
- ☐ Being sent to entities that completed interest form
- ☐ Will be published on [www.caloptima.org/corec](http://www.caloptima.org/corec)
- ☐ *All questions will posted on COREC website*
- ☐ *ONC has to approve all Service Partners*

# CalOptima Regional Extension Center (COREC)

- Additional *proposed* funding
  - Original \$4.6 million
  - Revised \$5.7 million
- Staffing Update
  - Director Karynsue Frank starts 01/17
- RFI for service partners
  - Posted in the next 2-4 weeks
- Provider Enrollments to date
  - 47

*Interested in more information? Please visit:*  
***[www.caloptima.org/corec](http://www.caloptima.org/corec)***

# HITEC-LA

Mary Franz  
Executive Director

# Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program

Raul Ramirez  
Chief, Office of Health IT



# Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program

## ■ **Medi-Cal EHR Provider Incentive Portal (ePIP) — Provider Outreach Page**

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, beginning in 2011 Medi-Cal is able to offer eligible practitioners and hospitals substantial financial incentives to adopt, implement and upgrade electronic health records. Incentive payments will also be available for the “meaningful use” of electronic health records by practitioners (over 6 years) and hospitals (over 4 years).

<http://medi-cal.ehr.ca.gov/>

## ■ **Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program**

The program aims to transform the nation’s health care system and improve the quality, safety and efficiency of patient health care through the use of electronic health records.

[http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom\\_11790.asp](http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_11790.asp)

# Public Health

Linette Scott  
Deputy Director, Health Information and  
Strategic Planning

# Public Health Reporting and Meaningful Use

- Updates for Public Health capabilities to receive Meaningful Use reporting will be posted to the CDPH eHealth web site at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/informatics/Pages/eHealth.aspx>

- New CDC website with information about Meaningful Use being developed: <http://www.cdc.gov/osels/phitpo/mu/>



# Health Workforce Initiative

Linda L. Zorn  
Statewide Director  
Health Workforce Initiative



# Communication

- Website: [www.ehealth.ca.gov](http://www.ehealth.ca.gov)
- Twitter: <http://Twitter.com/CAeHealth>
- Sign up for listserv, send comments and questions: [ehealth@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:ehealth@chhs.ca.gov)

Q & A - Please press \*1 to get into the question queue

# Next California eHealth Stakeholder Webinar

March 10, 2010

1pm – 2pm Pacific Daylight Time

Participant Toll Free: (877) 531-2985

Passcode: 177104

Webinar sign up: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/147780384>

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